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SUBJECT: SCM - PRESS REPORTS PURPORTED COMPENSATION PACKAGE

1. SEOUL PRESS JULY 20-21 FEATURING REUTERS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON DESCRIBING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE REPORT ON WITHDRAWAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE, ALLEGEDLY VALUED AT EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS. REPORT STRESSES PROPOSED SALE OF AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING 90 F-16S, 54 A-10S, 77F5ES, AND 18 F4S, AS WELL AS 200 HELICOPTERS, SIX DESTROYERS, AND OTHER ITEMS NOT SPECIFIED. WHILE NOTING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NOT APPROVED SDPECIFIC ITEMS, STORY SAYS HE PLANS REQUEST SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR KOREA FROM CONGRESS, AND THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS DUE TO START BEFORE SECRETARY BROWN LEAVES FOR SEOUL.

2. OFFSETTING THIS EXAGGERATED REPORT, CHOSUN ILBO FRONT-PAGED STORY FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JULY 21 SAYING HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DECLARED \$8 BILLION REPORT, "WRONG." ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT IT MAY, LOCAL PRESS HAS NOT YET HOWEVER, PICKED UP WASHINGTON CONFIDENTIAL

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POST STORY (CARRIED WIRELESS FILE) THAT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED \$8 BILLION NOT PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT AND THAT ROKS WILL BE EXPECTED TO BUY MOST EXTRA ARMS THEMSELVES.

3. COMMENT: REUTERS REPORT WILL PROBABLY BE PUT IN PERSPECTIVE BY SUBSEQUENT STORIES BUT IN MEANTIME IT WILL

CREATE EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS AND SOME CONFUSION
WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.
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